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The Women's Center Newsletter is published six times during the academic year. It includes announcements and information about the many services and programs offered by the Center to the University and Moscow communities, as well as items of general interest about women's issues. If you have announcements or information you would like included in subsequent issues, please let us know. Suggestions for changes, improvements, or additional items are welcome.

"Once in the Cabinet, we had to deal with the fact that there had been an outbreak of assaults on women at night. One minister...suggested a curfew: women should stay home after dark. I said, 'But it's the men who are attacking the women. If there is to be a curfew, let the men stay at home, not the women.'" — former Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir.

Women's Center Hours
8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday

September-October Programs ¹⁹⁸⁶

Women's Center programs educate, enrich and entertain. Bring your lunch and join us! Unless otherwise specified, programs begin at 12:30 in the Women's Center lounge and are free and open to the public. If you have any suggestions for future programs, please call or stop by.

Monday
September 22

THE PERIL OF COMPARATIVE WOMEN'S HISTORY: Karen Offen, head of the Center for Research on Women, Stanford University will present our first program of the year. What a special treat for us. Offen is a distinguished women's historian and UI alumni. In addition to her many other accomplishments, she edited with Susan Groag Bell, *Women, the Family, and Freedom: The Debate in Documents*. This two volume collection was reviewed in our April 1986 newsletter. Be sure to attend this program.

Wednesday
September 24

PANDORA'S BOTTLE: WOMEN'S HIDDEN ALCOHOLISM. A film and discussion about alcoholism, a disease affecting more than 7 million American women. Alcoholism is an incurable, progressive, genetic disease. Not drinking is the only proven solution. Learn more about the little-known symptoms and dangers. If you're Irish, your chances of having the disease are one in three; American Indian, one in two; other populations, one in ten. **Jane Pritchett**, whose mother died of alcoholism at 39 when Jane was 11, will lead the discussion.

Tuesday
September 30

MAMMOGRAPHY: WHO ME? Nan McGill, a certified radiology technician at Gritman Hospital, will explain the what and why of a base line mammography, who needs them, how often, and what happens. The rates for breast cancer are higher in the Palouse than elsewhere in the nation, and this is an opportunity to gather more early detection information. McGill will bring breast x-rays, show a tape on breast self-examination, and talk about a new program at the hospital.

Wednesday
October 1

THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT: THERE'S GOOD NEWS AND THERE'S BAD NEWS. Linda Pall, an attorney, ACLU activist, and former city council member will review certain individual rights cases of the last court session. She will discuss, in particular, the sexual harassment, abortion, and the Georgia 'sodomy' cases. She will also make predictions on pending appointments and the direction of the court in areas of women's rights.

Tuesday
October 7

RIGHT-TO-WORK: IT'S ON THE BALLOT. Evelyn McGraw, State vice-president of the Idaho Public Employees Association, will examine this rhetoric filled subject and provide you with more than empty speeches. She has facts and figures and the materials put out by both sides. When you vote on November 4th, make sure it's an informed vote and be glad you attended this program.

Wednesday
October 8

BURN-OUT: THE FIVE STAGES. How do you know if you are suffering from burn-out? Karen Davis, burned-out emerita and assistant research professor, will discuss the 5 stages of burn-out, the symptoms, and what they mean. Find out early before it's too late.

CANDIDATE FORUM SERIES. These forums will be held at the SUB from 12:00 - 1:30. Candidates have been asked to address particular issues of concern to women at the various levels of offices for which the candidates are running. We do expect that certain candidates will be unable to attend but will send representatives with prepared statements on women's issues that are likely to confront them if they are elected. The public, community and campus are encouraged to attend no matter the concern. The hours were chosen in an attempt to catch everyone's lunchtime. Candidates will be informed that some in the audience will come late or leave early.

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Networking News

Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse (ATVP) has a new full-time director. Welcome, Patti Gora. Her business telephone number is the same as before but it bears repeating, 882-3720. She will be in her office, except for emergencies, every day 8:00 am to noon. She will be in and out of the office during the afternoons. ATVP is currently conducting training for new advocates and safe-home operators. It is not too late to begin the training. Either call Patti or attend the Monday night sessions September 15 to November 3, 7-9 pm. The sessions will cover domestic violence and sexual assault, the laws of Idaho and Washington which cover these crimes, child abuse, "battered woman syndrome," how to communicate, stress, crises and emergency management, and advocate skills in interviewing and role play. The training takes place at the Compton Union Building in Room B-7. For more information, ride sharing, or to obtain either UI or WSU Psychology credit, call Patti.

SINGLE MOTHER'S SUPPORT GROUP: Teri Newsome who works for the Displaced Homemakers' Program in Latah County will be forming a group for single mothers. This group will provide an opportunity to share resources, emotional support, and tips for single parenting. For more information call Teri at 882-5804.

Sexual Assault Support Group: The Women's Center and Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse will again be sponsoring a group for survivors of sexual assault. If you or a friend have experienced rape or other sexual assaults by either strangers or acquaintances or dates or big brothers, then you need to know you are not alone and the trauma and fear you are feeling is normal no matter how long ago the assault occurred. Call Cindy Carlson at 885-6616 for details about the group.

NWPGA DANCE: The North West Gay Peoples Alliance is sponsoring a dance on October 4th at the Moscow Community Center from 9:00 pm - 1:00 am. Sexual orientation is not presumed by attendance.

THE NORTHWEST WOMEN'S STUDIES ASSOCIATION: The annual conference this year is close to home. It will be held at Eastern Washington University at Cheney October 17-19. There will be registration, social hour, and entertainment on Thursday evening, October 16. Friday and Saturday will be filled with workshops, panels, and keynote speakers centering on the theme of "Women as Community Builders: Locally and Globally." Dr. Nawal El-Saadawi, Egypt's best known feminist, author of six novels and many articles and papers, and currently a consultant with the United Nations through the Arab Women's Solidarity Association and Dr. Nancy Hartsock, University of Washington professor of Women's Studies and Political Science, author of *Money, Sex, and Power* as well as three other books and many articles are both keynote speakers. Olga Broumas will give a poetry reading Friday night and Judy Small and Motherlode, a concert on Saturday night. Registration ranges from \$10.00 to \$40.00; free and/or inexpensive housing is available. Registration forms and additional information is available at the Women's Center. Call or stop by.

The Moscow Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) has a busy fall planned. Their October meeting will be October 8th and is a candidates' forum for District V and District VIII State Senate candidates. As before, branch meetings are held at Cavanaugh's with dinner beginning at 6:30 and the programs at 7:30 pm. The public and members should feel free to attend the program whether or not they eat dinner there. For dinner reservations call 882-8014. The branch will be conducting "Invest in Yourself Seminar II" all day on Saturday, November 15. Watch the newspaper for details. October 18th at the Fairgrounds, AAUW will hold its annual book sale to raise money for its scholarship fund.

The Moscow League of Women Voters will host their "Back to League Night" on September 15 at 8:00 pm. It will be held in the County Courthouse, Room 2B. They will begin to meet soon thereafter for weekly noon meetings on Wednesdays at the SUB. Watch newspapers for details.

VOTE NOVEMBER 4, 1986: In every election, millions of Americans fail to vote. According to Responsible Government, the highest percentage of non-voters is among 18 to 24 year-olds. In the 1982 elections, 81% of eligible voters in this age group did not go to the polls. Today, 50% of all eligible Americans of that age are not even registered. You have until October 24th at 8:00 pm to register to vote if you are not already registered. You can register at either the City Hall or the County Courthouse. Remember if you have moved since you last voted, you must re-register.

NON-VITAL STATISTICS: In a recent issue of *Glamour* magazine, an article entitled "Second Annual Unofficial Unpredictable Year-End Look at Women's Lives Right Now" drew no conclusions but reported some grim news and some good news. The grim news:

- At the current rate women are elected, Congress will be half female in 410 years
- 4 percent of working actresses in Hollywood are black
- Women head 90 percent of one-parent households
- The predicted age for the onset of a major depression in women born in the 1930's is around 50. For women born since 1950 the age is 30. The better news:
- The highest earnings to date of any tennis player, female or male, is \$8.5 million, Martina Navratilova's earnings.
- Today, 25 percent of science and engineering degrees are earned by women, compared to 13 percent in 1979
- The average new investor in the stock market is a 34-year old married woman investing \$2,000
- In 1979, marital rape was illegal in five states; now it's 23.

TRIVIAL PURSUIT TOURNAMENT: The Washington State University Women's Center has challenged the UI Women's Center to a Trivial Pursuit Contest. The game has been ordered and should arrive soon so we can practice. Are you an expert in significant information about women? Come help us in this latest endeavor and have fun at the same time. The Contest has been tentatively set for December 5th. More details in the November newsletter.

WOMEN AND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH: A New York Times-CBS, November 1985 poll of United States Catholics indicated 68% favor the use of artificial contraception, 52% favor the ordination of women as priests, 63% favor marriage for priests, and 55% would allow abortion in cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the woman. Despite these findings and the fact that the number of women in religious orders has declined by nearly 65,000 since 1966, the Synod of Bishops in Rome closed with virtually no discussion of these issues or other issues of particular concern to women.

POVERTY IN AMERICA: The National Spotlight on Poverty Campaign announced that 21 years after President Lyndon Johnson declared war on poverty, 33 million Americans are still considered poor. The poverty level is considered by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities to be \$10,609 a year for a family of four. The coalition blamed cutbacks in social programs, such as food stamps and unemployment benefits, for the growing level of poverty.

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Tuesday
October 14
12:00 - 1:30

U.S. Senate, 1st Congressional District House of Representatives, Governor, and Lt. Governor candidates. Appaloosa Room, Student Union Building.

Wednesday
October 15
12:00 - 1:30

District 5 and District 8 State Senate and House candidates. Yes, we vote for candidates in both districts. Silver Room, Student Union Building.

Thursday
October 16
12:00 - 1:30

County Commissioner and Prosecuting Attorney candidates. Appaloosa Room, Student Union Building.

Tuesday
October 21

PREVENTION: LET'S STAY EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY ALL SEMESTER AND LET'S START NOW. Maria Krasnec, UI psychology professor, will discuss the advantages of prevention. She will talk about successful management of stress, learning and keeping coping skills throughout life, and techniques for recognizing when to slow down.

Wednesday
October 29

SYMBOL, RITUAL, AND COSMIC CONNECTION. Lin Colson, graduate student in psychology, feminist, and lover of the spiritual, will examine ways of personalizing rituals. Most people have special symbols that are meaningful to them. Explore taking those symbols and imposing them onto institutionalized rituals to make the connection into a conscious that's much more powerful, personal, and meaningful.

October Networking Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Women's Center Program 12:30	2	3	4 NWGPA Dance - Community Center 9 PM
5	6 ATVP Training CUB - B7 7-9 PM	7 Women's Center Program 12:30 PM	8 Women's Center Program 12:30 PM AAUW Branch Meeting 6:30-7:30 Cavanaugh's Candidate's Forum	9	10	11
12	13 ATVP Training CUB - B7 7-9 PM	14 Appaloosa Room, SUB 12-1:30 PM	15 CANDIDATE'S FORUM WOMEN'S CENTER PROGRAM		16 Appaloosa Room, SUB 12-1:30 PM	17 Northwest Women's Studies Association Conference — EWU, Cheney, WA AAUW Booksale All Day - Fairgrounds
19	20 ATVP Training CUB-B7 7-9 PM	21 Women's Center Program 12:30 PM	22	23	24 Last Day to Register To Vote 8 PM City Hall County Courthouse	25
26	27 ATVP Training CUB-B7 7-9 PM	28	29 Women's Center Program 12:30 PM	30	31	

For more information about these events, see this newsletter or call the Women's Center, 885-6616

September Networking Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
22 Women's Center Program 12:30 PM ATVP Training CUB-B7 7-9 PM	23	24 Women's Center Program 12:30 PM AAUW Board Meeting 423 Veatch 7 PM	25	26
29 ATVP Training CUB-B7 7-9 PM	30 Women's Center Program 12:30 PM			



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